

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 538 without my signature.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local entities for increased costs associated with any new program or higher level of service imposed by the state on local entities if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the new program or higher level of service is reimbursable and a state mandate. This bill could result in a state-reimbursable mandate by requiring local public safety entities to verify violations and issue citations and warnings. In addition, this bill would also impose new unfunded costs on the California Highway Patrol and could result in redirection of resources from other high priority law enforcement activities.

For these reasons I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger